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Open Space Committee Minutes 11/02/2005

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2005

Approved Dec. 7, 2005

PRESENT: Ann LeRoyer, David White, Elizabeth Karpati, Joey Glushko, Roly Chaput, Leslie Mayer, Patsy Kraemer, Adam Pachter

1. MINUTES: The minutes from October were approved with corrections.

2. MANAGEMENT PLANS: David presented the management plan for Great Meadows, which was discussed and edits made. The unique status of Great Meadows, as property owned by Arlington but located in Lexington, was also discussed; questions were raised about the possibility of designating part of Great Meadows as conservation land. Agreement was reached to make further inquiries about its status and exactly how much of it is wetlands. There was also a brief discussion of corrections to the management plan for the Reservoir.

3. MANAGEMENT PLAN TEMPLATE: The new template for management plans was discussed, with agreement that committee members would try to conform the plans on which they worked to the template by the December meeting, with the further goal of putting all the management plans into a single document by February 2006.

4. OPEN SPACE PLAN: The need to start working on the revised Open Space Plan (OSP) was discussed; it is due in the summer of 2007. There was agreement that the Arlington Redevelopment Board (ARB), Town Meeting, and other Town entities should review and approve the OSP. There was also agreement that financing would be required to hire assistance for the project; Joey will look into this.

5. MISCELLANEOUS: Roly noted his reappointment to the OSC. He also mentioned that a Middlesex County group called Freedom's Way has received Department of Conservation and Recreation funding to conduct an inventory of historic sites in the county. Roly made a presentation about this to the Selectmen, and they wrote a letter requesting inclusion of Arlington sites in the inventory. An issue arising from the 9 p.m. curfew at Robbins Farm Park was also discussed; there have been complaints about after hours use, but some feel the closing time should be extended.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is on December 7, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting began at 7:40 p.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Pachter